THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) As per computerised data maintained, no complaint of allotment of one flat to more than one person in EHS category has been received in the public Grievance Cell of this Ministry. However, Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has reported that complaints for allotment of one flat to more than one person in EHS category have been received in DDA in the following cases:

(i) Flat No. 421, Sector B-4, Pkt.6, Type-A Narela.

(ii) Flat No. 83, Sector B-4, Pkt.3, Type-B, Narela.

(iii) Flat No. 108, Sector B-4, Pkt.3, Type B, Narela.

(iv) Flat No. 81, Sector A-10, Pkt. 2, Gr. II, Narela.

(v) Flat No. 173, Sector-22, Pkt. 15, Type-A, Rohini.

(c) The DDA has informed that it was due to non-updating of the allotment data in the Computer system.

In respect of two flats, the amount deposited refunded on the request of the allottees. In respect flats, alternative allotments have been made to the persons.

(d) and (e) One UDC and one Assistant Director were held responsible. The Assistant Director was placed under suspension and disciplinary proceedings were initiated against both. Penalty of stoppage of one increment has been imposed on the Assistant Director. The UDC has since expired.

(f) to (h) The DDA has further informed that alternative allotment has been made to three allottees in the same locality and at the same cost. Therefore, the question of compensation like interest does not arise.

(i) No court case is pending in this regard as on date.

Conversion to freehold property in Jheel Karanja

1348. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of plots given on 90 year lease in 1918 in Jheel Karanja colony in East Delhi;

(b) the number out of them which were declared evacuee property and later allotted to displaced persons from West Punjab;

(c) whether there is any proposal to convert these household plots on which houses have been constructed for decades to free hold;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor, particularly when a large number of household properties sold by DDA have been converted to free hold; and

(e) the action proposed to be taken in the matter according to Government's present thinking thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) Delhi Development Authority (DDA), Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi and the Ministry of Home Affairs (Rehabilitation Division) have reported that no records pertaining to allotments made in Jheel Karanja in 1918 are available.

(c) to (e) The existing scheme for conversion of lease hold title of properties in Delhi into freehold *inter-alia*, provides for conversion into freehold of built up residential plots of Jheel Karanja for which lease deed/perpetual lease is executed and where completion certificate or at least D-form in respect of the construction is obtained from the local body, subject to fulfillment of the other requirements as per the policy. However, properties held on rent basis/license basis are not eligible for conversion into freehold.

Kochi Metro Rail project

1349. PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Kerala have submitted a proposal for Kochi Metro Rail project for approval;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Kerala propose to implement an elevated light metro system in Kochi over a length of 25.3 km between Alwaye and Petta at an estimated cost of Rs. 1966 crores (updated cost Rs. 3008 crores).

(c) The State Government has been advised to first explore the viability gap funding option under the scheme of Ministry of Finance, Government of India, for support to Public Private partnership in infrastructure.

Gates at entrance of MPs residential premises

†1350. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to fix iron grill gates on the main entrance of MPs residential premises/flats in areas like North Avenue, South Avenue and V.P. House from the security point of view; and

(b) if so, by when this work would be completed alongwith the details of approximate expense expected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) No, Sir. However, a proposal for construction of boundary wall with iron gates around residential complex of North Avenue and South avenue is under consideration. Boundary wall with iron gate already exists around V.P. House.

(b) The estimate and architectural have yet to be finalized.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.